

I am writing to give my strong and unswerving support for net neutrality. This ongoing policy has provided enormous benefits for our great nation as well as to the world in general. Please **do not** change it! Net neutrality is about freedom and protection of access to information and education, as well as to the cultural and other resources that make our nation a better place. Everyone depends on it; businesses flourish because of it.

America and the world need less monopolizing of the public forums, rather than more. Net neutrality ensures that ALL businesses and people have an equal stance at being noticed on the internet. By proposing to repeal this neutrality, you effectively gut 1st Amendment protections, promoting corporate interests at the expense of the American workforce.

Small business and the American middle class are the backbone of industry in our nation, yet we are increasingly facing ever-greater disparity between the "haves" and the "have nots." Despite this growing income inequality, the internet remains a bastion where people from all levels of society on a global scale can have an equal playing field. By taking that away, you will have helped amass even more power and influence in the top 1% that can pay massive fees in order to be seen over others who cannot pay as much. This may benefit some few corporate interests, but it certainly does not help America or Americans.

Repealing or undoing net neutrality will lead to an immediate and negative effect upon our protected rights to freedom of speech, and we will end up as customers forced to pay more for an inferior product. Such a move will also negatively impact small businesses and start-ups, along with less fortunate Americans who may lack the means to pay for faster internet to get the same quality internet experience. The negative impacts on business, on education, on free speech, and on the current American way of life should not and cannot be justified in order to reward a select few corporations.

If there is any change needed to internet governance, it should be to regulate it as a public utility, just as telephone service, the broadcast spectrum, and gas and electric power companies are regulated. It should be like public roads and bridges, open to all users without prejudice or special classes of users.

Please help the millions of people in the United States that don't have a voice and don't have the means to afford the looming prices you will be inflicting if you repeal net neutrality. Vote to keep net neutrality as it is. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Eric Scott